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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

This message is intended to convey my concerns with the proposed settlement between the US and Microsoft.

As a computer professional of 30 years experience I am simply appalled by this proposed agreement. I have watched Microsoft stomp on their competition with abandon through that period and to see a party found guilty by the courts of the United States be allowed to essentially walk free is disheartening.

I find the proposed settlement to be an inadequate penalty for the depths of injustice foisted on the american populace by Microsoft as proven by the findings of fact during the trial.

First, the monetary penalties for a company are minimal and frankly non-existent.

Second, the restraint of their use of their monopoly power is inadequate, you might as well have told them to "go and sin again".

Third, there is no provisions to restrain Microsoft from targeting the Open Source Software community for elimination using the same techniques used against Novell, Netscape and others.

There are MANY other concerns but I'm sure most have been brought to light by others.

In my opinion, this proposed agreement is bad law, bad for the american consumer and pretty well written by Microsoft to their own ends.

Best Regards,

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